

Bullets fly as Wycombe sign off

WORDS were flying thick and fast like a wartime flak attack over Adams Park this week.

Alan Parry may lose his column in the match programme after Wanderers chairman Ivor Beeks said yesterday that he could not confirm whether it will continue and that the situation was being monitored.

Beeks said that he had met with the club director this week to express his disapproval. "Our programme is not the vehicle for personal views of that sort. Alan and I have had a meeting about it," said Beeks.

He added: "The board of directors are one voice, not seven different voices. As far as we are concerned we have had a reasonable season, not a great one, but I think there's plenty to come."

Parry said: "My views were expressed in the programme. People can make of it what they want."

Bob Officer, chairman of Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters' Club, said the fans have viewed what is going on with bemusement: "If the club are not united, it doesn't put across a very good example to the fans," he said. Officer was delighted with

the 300-strong attendance at Monday's public forum, the largest since their meetings began last season.

He said: "A lot of good questions were asked and most people were constructive. I'm pleased Alan Smith accepted our invitation. It was good to see he was prepared to stand up there and be counted."

Officer is unhappy, however, with the club's opposition to the independent supporters' club t-shirt after being told it was an infringement to the club's copyright because it carries a logo similar to Wycombe's. The main difference is the swan has boots on.

Meanwhile, the parents of former Blues goalkeeper Paul Hyde contacted the Bucks Free Press this week. His father Peter said: "We went to the Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club meeting to see fair play to Paul. We don't wish to hurt or

harm the club in any way."

Former Wycombe boss Martin O'Neill said he also wanted to see fair play after expressing his annoyance at what Alan Smith wrote in his manager's notes last Saturday.

O'Neill, who faces a D-Day this weekend with his Leicester side, who have to win at Watford to make the Division One play-offs, said: "The players' fitness level was good enough in getting 78 points to finish sixth at our first attempt in Division Two and was good enough to take them from playing part-time football though to the Division Three play-off final at Wembley."

"As for lack of character, if Terry Evans, Jason Cousins, Keith Ryan and Dave Carroll lack character then you would have to redefine the word."

Meanwhile, and it's almost been overlooked this week, Wycombe are due to visit Bristol Rovers for their last game of the season tomorrow. The line-up is set to be the same as it was for last Saturday's 4-0 win over Carlisle.

Miquel Desouza and Steve McGavin are fit for selection but Terry Howard and Simon Garner are injured.



Paul Hyde